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2:1 For the ungodly said, reasoning with themselves, but not aright, Our life is short and tedious, and in the death of a man there is no remedy: neither was there any man known to have returned from the grave

2:2 For we are born at all adventure: and we shall be hereafter as though we had never been: for the breath in our nostrils is as smoke, and a little spark in the moving of our heart.
2:3 Which being extinguished, our body shall be turned into ashes, and our

spirit shall vanish as the soft air:
2:4 And our name shall be forgotten in time, and no man shall have our works in remembrance, and our life shall pass away as the trace of a cloud: and shall be dispersed as a mist that is driven away with the beams of the

Sun, and overcome with the heat thereof.
2:5 For our time is a very shadow that passeth away: and after our end there is no returning: for it is fast sealed, so that no man cometh again.
2:6 Come on therefore, let us enjoy the good things that are present: and let us

speedily use the creatures like as in youth.
2:7 Let us fill ourselves with costly wine, and ointments: and let no flower of the Spring pass by us. 2:8 Let us crown ourselves with Rose buds, before they be withered.
2:9 Let none of us go without his part of our voluptuousness: let

us leave tokens of our joyfulness in every place: for this is our portion, and our lot is this.

2:10 Let us oppress the poor righteous man, let us not spare the widow, nor reverence the ancient gray hairs of the aged.

2:11 Let our strength be the Law of justice:

for that which is feeble is found to be nothing worth.

2:12 Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous: because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings: he upbraideth us with our offending the Law, and objecteth to our infamy the

transgressings of our education.

2:13 He professeth to have the knowledge of God: and he calleth himself the child of the Lord.

2:14 He was made to reprove our thoughts.

2:15 He is grievous unto us even to

behold: for his life is not like other mens, his ways are of another fashion.
2:16 We are esteemed of him as counterfeits: he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness: he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his father.

2:17 Let us see if his words be true: and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him.

2:18 For if the just man be the son of God, he will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his enemies.

2:19 Let us examine him with

despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience.

2:20 Let us condemn him with a shameful death: for by his own saying, he shall be respected.

2:21 Such things they did imagine, and were

deceived: for their
own wickedness
hath blinded them.

2:22 As for
the mysteries
of God,
they knew them not:
neither hoped they for
the wages of
righteousness: nor
discerned a reward for
blameless souls.

2:23 For God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of his own eternity.

2:24 Nevertheless through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it.